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Mark Lane Here, Asks Review on Assassination

*Push to
Judgment*

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Author and lawyer Mark Lane
has called for a complete re-
examination of the evidence in
the assassination of President
John F. Kennedy.

He charged here that the Warren Commission did not deal with the facts, that it came to conclusions contradicted in its own report.

Mr. Lane was in St. Louis to push his case for a national "dialogue" on the assassination and the conclusions of the Warren Commission report.

As part of the campaign, he said, he is circulating petitions to re-open the case.

FOR 75 YEARS

The petition also calls for the government to open the National Archives so that evidence suppressed by the commission in 1964 for 75 years could be made public.

"By then," Mr. Lane said, "everyone who knows about the case will be dead."

Mr. Lane, 39, said he gave up his law practice three years ago to devote full time to the investigation of the assassination.

His book, the best-selling "Ru to Judgment," is a 478-page document on the assassination and the events surrounding it. Most of its citations are taken from the 26-volume Warren Report.

After traveling to Dallas, Tex., eight times, reading the 26-volume report twice and questioning most of the witnesses on film and tape, here are some of the conclusions he said he has reached:

ONE: The evidence in the commission report does not support the conclusion there was a lone assassin.

TWO DIRECTIONS

The evidence, Mr. Lane said, shows that shots came from two different directions within six seconds.

Only the shots that came from the front can account for the wound in the President's throat and the fatal shot in his head, Mr. Lane said.

An amateur photographer, Abraham Zapruder of Dallas, took films which "conclusively show that as the bullet hit the President in the head, the President was driven sharply back by the impact and to the

left with such an impact that succeeding frames that you can see him bouncing off the seat."

RIFLE TESTED

TWO: The rifle the Commission said Oswald used was "physically incapable of doing what the commission said it did."

Mr. Lane said the rifle was tested by three of the "best riflemen in the country." Here, he said, is what happened:

Two of the men were unable to fire as quickly as the assassin would have had to shoot. Not one of the total of 18 shots hit the head or neck portion of the stationary target which was placed at the same distance as in the assassination.

Moreover, Mr. Lane said, the riflemen were shooting from a 30-foot high perch. He said Oswald was firing from 60 feet up.

The tests were taken after the wobbly gun scope on the rifle had been repaired.

TESTS SHOWED

Despite the evidence, Mr. Lane said, the commission contended the tests showed Oswald had the "capability" of shooting the President.

THREE: A whole bullet passed through the President's neck, came out his throat, hit the governor in the back, fractured his right wrist and then went into his left thigh, according to the commission, Mr. Lane said.

But, he added, the same report said the rifle was later fired at substances simulating Gov. Connally's body.

"Each bullet was smashed or deformed. Yet the commission said the one bullet that did all of those things was practically a pure, whole bullet," Mr. Lane stated.

The bullet, moreover, was found to have less than three grains of metal missing from it



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"and Gov. Connally today has more than three grains of metal in his right wrist to say nothing of the metal lost when it hit his rib and the President."

FOUR: Paraffin tests on Oswald's hands and face showed there were no nitrates which usually result from gunfire.

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"To counter this, the commission said that nitrate tests were unreliable," Mr. Lane said.

FIVE: None of the member of the Commission was allowed to see the photographs or X-rays of the President's body taken during the autopsy in Bethesda, Maryland.

AGENT'S COMMENT

Mr. Lane said Roy Kellerman, a Secret Service man who rode in the front seat of the President's limousine, claimed that President Kennedy shouted, "My God, I've been shot," after the first shot was fired.

Mr. Lane asked:

"Did the President say this after the bullet ripped through his neck, or did he say it after the bullet hit him in the head and killed him?"

He said that if Oswald would have lived he would have been proved innocent and the search for the assassins would have continued, or the trial would have shown others were involved.

When Oswald was being questioned, Mr. Lane said, a Dallas newspaper reported that a police stenographer was present. Yet no stenographic records of the questioning are available, Mr. Lane said.

EVERY SPEECH

And during the questioning the FBI was present, he said, adding that the FBI for the past three years has tape recorded "every talk or speech I have made."

"You would think they would have taped the man suspected of killing the President," Mr. Lane said.

Mr. Lane is a graduate of the Brooklyn Law School and did graduate work in law at New York University.

In 1960 he was elected to the New York legislature. The then Sen. John Kennedy aided in his campaign.

During the Presidential campaign, Mr. Lane was one of two campaign managers in his New York District for the senator.

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